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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to this Headquarters
Commanders, Fort Knox Partners in Excellence
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Policy Memo No. 41-6 – Quality Assurance and Accreditation at the US Army Armor Center

1. Reference memo, TRADOC, 11 April 2002, subject: TRADOC Accreditation of Initial Military Training, Institutional Leader Development, and Combat Training Centers.
2. This policy describes the roles and responsibilities of the Headquarters, US Army Armor School Quality Assurance Office (QAO) in the TRADOC accreditation program.
3. The QAO will serve as the lead agency to provide feedback to the Commanding General (CG), USAARMC, on the quality of training and training programs to determine their ability to meet the needs of the armor force. The QAO will assess courses and programs at USAARMC to ensure that all training is conducted to standard and to assist in prioritizing resources.
4. The TRADOC accreditation program encompasses the existing The Army School System (TASS) accreditation program and expands to include accreditation of TRADOC proponent schools. Proponent schools continue to be responsible for accrediting their functionally aligned TASS battalions. The Combined Arms Center (CAC) accreditation team accredits Professional Military Education (PME) programs, and the Army Accessions Command (AAC) accreditation team accredits Initial Military Training (IMT). The USAARMC QAO will assess the seven armor TASS battalions and provide accreditation recommendations to the CG, USAARMC. The USAARMC QAO will assess the IMT and PME program at USAARMC in preparation for visits from the AAC and CAC accreditation teams.
5. The USAARMC QAO also has responsibility for developing, coordinating, and administering the external assessment program. External assessments will focus on the abilities of armor Soldiers in FORSCOM, USAR, and National Guard units to meet the needs of the armor force.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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